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The present invention relates to novel cosmetic compositions comprising, in a

cosmetically acceptable medium, at least one cationic conditioner and at least one amphoteric starch.

It is well known that hair that has been sensitized (i.e. damaged and/or embrittled) to varying degrees under the action of atmospheric agents or under the action of mechanical or chemical treatments, such as dyes, bleaches and/or permanent-waving, can be difficult to disentangle and to style, and may lack softness.

It has already been recommended to use conditioners, for example, cationic polymers or silicones, in compositions for washing or caring for keratin materials such as the hair, in order to facilitate the disentangling of the hair and to give it softness and suppleness. However, the cosmetic advantages mentioned above can be accompanied, on dried hair, by certain cosmetic effects considered undesirable, i.e., lankness of the hairstyle (lack of lightness of the hair), and lack of smoothness (hair not uniform from the root to the end).

In addition, the use of cationic polymers for this purpose may have various drawbacks. On account of their high affinity for the hair, some of these polymers can become deposited thereon to a large extent during repeated use, and may lead to adverse effects such as an unpleasant, laden feel, stiffening of the hair and interfiber adhesion which may effect styling. These drawbacks may be more accentuated in the case of fine hair, which lacks liveliness and body.

In summary, it is found that the current cosmetic compositions containing conditioners are not always entirely satisfactory.